

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/551,988  
Applicant : Gerhard HAMPRECHT et al  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION /ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.